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ELABORATION OF A DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson of the Open-ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action 1/ and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 2/ called on Governments to support the process to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Welcoming the process initiated by the in-session Open-ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to submit additional views on an optional protocol to the Convention, taking into account the elements contained in suggestion No. 7, adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of

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1/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

2/ Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (A/CONF.177/20 and Add.1), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

Discrimination against Women at its fourteenth session, 3/ as well as the deliberations of the Working Group;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-first session a comprehensive report, including a synthesis of the views requested in paragraph 1 above;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-first session a comparative summary of existing communications and inquiry procedures and practices under international human rights instruments and under the Charter of the United Nations;

4. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council adopt the draft decision contained in the annex to the present resolution.

Annex

RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE ELABORATION OF A DRAFT OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To renew the mandate of the in-session Open-ended Working Group on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, so that it may continue its work pursuant to Council resolution 1995/29 of 24 July 1995;

(b) To authorize, within existing United Nations resources, the Working Group to meet in parallel with the Commission at its forty-first session;

(c) To invite a representative of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to attend this meeting as a resource person.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/50/38), chap. I, sect. B.